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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08/07/2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 07 August 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/4/08, 8/7/06
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

1. DETAILED ACTION

2. *Claim Objections*

3. Claims 1-6 objected to because of the following informalities: Use of word Characterized in the claims is not fall in U.S practice. Appropriate correction is required.

4. *Allowable Subject Matter*

5. Claims 1-6 contains allowable subject matter over prior art. Prior art does not teach the following limitations in combination with the other limitations of the claims and nor the limitations be obvious over prior art. The limitations are digital filter control unit for disabling the filtering of the digital signal by said digital filter when determining from a receive level of the received signal that the filtering by said digital filter will increase distortion of the received signal.

6. *Conclusion*

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jp, 2002-141821, A.

8. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: Use of word Characterized in the claims is not fall in U.S practice. Appropriate correction is required.

9. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

10. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SYED HAIDER whose telephone number is (571)270-5169. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST.
12. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, pankaj kumar can be reached on 571-272-3011. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
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